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FOR ACTING SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG APER EG
SUBJECT: ORGANIZING FOR MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY

REF: STATE 148782

1. HAVE ALREADY ORGANIZED EMBASSY TO CONDUCT MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY ASPECTS OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY ON MOST EFFECTIVE BASIS POSSIBLE. POLITICAL COUNSELOR ARTHUR LOWRIE (FSO 3) WAS DESIGNATED MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER AND HAS ACTIVELY PURSUED UN, ILO, OAU, LOS, ARAB LEAGUE, ETC. SUBJECTS WITH GOE. I HAVE ALSO SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED HIM AS HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICER.

2. HAVE DESIGNATED ECON COUNSELOR HENRY MATTOX (FSO 3) TO HANDLE NORTH/SOUTH AND OTHER MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES. THIS, TO, HE HAS ALREADY BEEN DOING. SO FAR AS UN BUDGET CONTROL IS CONCERNED, LOWRIE HANDLES UN PROPER WHILE MATTOX HANDLES IMF, IBRD AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS' BUDGETARY PROBLEMS. BOTH OF THEM WORK UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION.

3. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW THE CRUCIAL ELEMENT IN
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EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTING MULTILATERAL DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES IS RECEIVING FULL INFORMATION ON A TIMELY BASIS WITH CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHAT ACTION DEPT WISHES US TO TAKE. OUR GREATEST PROBLEM HAS BEEN TENDENCY TO INSTRUCT EMBASSY CAIRO MAKE A PARTICULAR DEMARCHE, BUT WITHOUT PROVIDING US WITH ALL OF THE NEEDED BACKGROUND AND FACTS ON WHAT MAY HAVE TRANSPIRED AT INTERNATIONAL

MEETINGS. THUS, WE HAVE FREQUENTLY FOUND OURSELVES MAKING DEMARCHES TO GOE OFFICIALS WHO WERE FULLY BRIEFED ON SUBJECT AND COULD MAKE POINTS WHICH WE HAD NEVER HEARD ABOUT RE WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS. THIS KIND OF SITUATION PLACES POST AT DISADVANTAGE AND LESSENS EFFECTIVENESS OF DEMARCHES.

4. ALSO BELIEVE THAT POST SHOULD BE ACCORDED MAXIMUM FEASIBLE DISCRETION ON MANNER AND LEVEL OF REQUIRED APPROACHES TO GOE. WE SHOULD AVOID TREATING EACH AND EVERY ISSUE OF THE MOMENT ON AN AMBASSADORIAL-"HIGHEST LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT" INSTRUCTIONAL BASIS, AT LEAST AS FAR AS GOE IS CONCERNED. SADAT, FOR EXAMPLE, IS NOT ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION PROBLEMS AND LEAVES THESE TO FAHMY. FAHMY, WHO HAS HAD EXTENSIVE UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BACKGROUND AND BELIEVES UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA ARE ONE OF FEW MEANS EGYPT AND ARAB STATES HAVE TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS, PERSONALLY CONCERNS HIMSELF WITH ANYTHING HAVING TO DO WITH MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY. HOWEVER, HE TENDS TO REACT VISCERALLY ON THE BASIS OF HIS EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF UN PROCEDURES AND PRACTICES AND IT IS SOMETIMES UNWISE TO TACKLE HIM FIRST. HIS IO DIRECTOR, AMRE MOUSSA, IS A SKILLED MULTILATERAL DIPLOMATIST. WE HAVE SOMETIMES FOUND THAT BY BRINGING HIM INTO THE ACT FIRST, CONFIDENTIAL

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HE CAN PREPARE EGYPTIAN POSITION PAPERS FOR FAHMY WHICH MAY ON OCCASION MAKE THE LATTER A LITTLE MORE FLEXIBLE. HOWEVER, FAHMY IS A LAW UNTO HIMSELF AND TENDS TO VIEW SO MANY OF OUR MULTILATERAL POSITIONS AS DESIGNED TO PROTECT ISRAELI INTERESTS. OUR EFFORTS TO DISABUSE HIM AND HIS COLLEAGUES OF THIS VIEW HAVE VKGXI AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE SO. EILTS

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